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SUBJECT : PRIVATE DINNER MEETING (SALT TWO 1740)

1. AT PRIVATE DINNER IN DR. JOHNSON'S APARTMENT MAY 11, SHCHUKIN INDICATED HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE LAUNCHERS AT TYURA-TAM IN WHICH SENATOR BAKER HAD STATED AN INTEREST. SHCHUKIN SAID THE 18 LAUNCHERS IN QUESTION ORIGINALLY WERE INTENDED FOR TESTING FRACTIONAL ORBITAL BALLISTIC MISSILES BUT ULTIMATELY THEY WERE "FINALIZED". IN RESPONSE TO JOHNSON'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THAT MEANT THEY WERE NOW OPERATIONAL, SHCHUKIN SAID NO. ON FURTHER DISCUSSION JOHNSON CONCLUDED SHCHUKIN MEANT SOMETHING BETWEEN TEST AND TRAINING, AND OPERATIONAL BUT JOHNSON WAS UNABLE TO GET A CLEAR ANSWER. CONTINUING, SHCHUKIN OBSERVED THAT IN ANY CASE THE SYSTEM WAS OBSOLETE BECAUSE THE U.S. HAD NOT DEPLOYED AN ABM SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO DESTROY THE MISSILES WHEN THE SALT II TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TREATY DID NOT REQUIRE THAT THE LAUNCHERS BE DESTROYED AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE OTHER USES AT THE TEST RANGE FOR THE LAUNCHERS. FINALLY

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HE RECOGNIZED THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION BECAUSE THE SILOS HAD NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THEM AS FOBS. EARLE

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